

REMARKS

Amendments to the specification have been made to correct minor typographical and grammatical errors.

Claims 1-36 were originally submitted.

Claim 1-17, 25, and 27-36 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 18, 22, 23, 24, and 26 have been amended.

Claims 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 26 remain in this application.

Allowable subject matter

Claim 26 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 26 has been amended accordingly. Applicants appreciate allowance of claim 26.

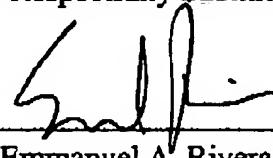
Claims 18-24 have been amended to depend on and comprise the elements of claim 26. As such, claims 18-24 are also allowable based on their dependency on base claim 26.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims 18-24 and 26 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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